

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 997

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A RESOLUTION to designate the bridge on South College Street
spanning US Highway 70 in the City of Smithville
as the "Veterans Memorial
Bridge."

WHEREAS, since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the United States Armed Forces and many continue this legacy of service today, defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, their meritorious service continues the time-honored tradition of Tennessee volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the intrepid and valiant members of the United States Armed Forces have continued to inspire our confidence, loyalty and support; and

WHEREAS, from Valley Forge to Iraq, and the war-torn lands of Africa, Eastern Europe and the Middle East, our armed forces have unselfishly paid the price of freedom for their friends and families, and for all of us; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we should honor those courageous men and women who have made many sacrifices to preserve the blessed freedoms we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate in, accordance with the wishes of the DeKalb County Commission and the City Councils of Smithville, Liberty, Dowelltown and Alexandria, to name the bridge on South College Street spanning US Highway 70 in the City of Smithville in honor and commemoration of all those brave sons and daughters of DeKalb County who sacrificed personal concerns and their safety, with many of them giving their lives,

so that we might enjoy the many bounties of democracy and the American way of life;
now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, that the bridge on South College Street spanning US Highway 70 in the City of
Smithville is hereby designated as the "Veterans Memorial Bridge" in honor of the many brave
men and women of DeKalb County who have served this great country in the armed forces.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect
suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge on South College Street over
US 70 in Smithville as "Veterans Memorial Bridge."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such directional signs shall be within
the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the resolution shall become operative only if the
federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the
provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and
regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, (1) that this resolution shall become operative only if
DeKalb County, Tennessee, either remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the
Department of Transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this act or
manufactures such signs in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2). DeKalb County
shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or
installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost
to DeKalb County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds
the estimated cost, DeKalb County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs
to the department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from
the department.

(2) DeKalb County may manufacture and erect such signs provided, that such signs are
manufactured and erected pursuant to state and federal guidelines and approved by the
department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.